



Oostburg Christian School

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Mr. Robert Adams, Administrator

"He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season..."
Psalm 1:3

HOME BULLETIN February 10, 2010

ITEMS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Join us in praising God for His hand in the healing of two of our middle school students, Kory Niemuth and Adam Daane. Kory had a heart procedure last week which was successful. Kory is already running around in gym and playing basketball. Adam was sick for two weeks with mono. He, too, is back in school and is beginning to resume his normal activities.

Please pray for all the children in your child's class. We all know as parents and as teachers that we are totally dependent on God. "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 127:1) We could add to that, "Unless the Lord educates our children, the educators educate in vain." Isn't it great to serve a faithful God who is our Father?

THANK YOU

If you see Becky Zylstra, please thank her for taking time on her day off to do the vision screenings here at O.C.S. We were glad to be able to offer this service to our families despite the Division of Public Health having to cut screenings because of budget constraints.

ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Oostburg Christian School will be hosting a 4K – 8th grade Open House TOMORROW, Thursday, February 11, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Come and join us for all the fun. Our 5th/6th grade basketball teams will be hosting the St. John's teams in our gym, our classrooms will be open, and teachers / administration will be available to answer any of your questions. If you know of any families who are interested in learning more about our school please invite them to come or give us the information and we will send them an invitation. As always, families may schedule a private tour and/or meeting with Mr. Adams at any time.

4K Registration Packets will be available as will \$crip for any family who wants to pick up certificates.

NEW FAMILY REFERRAL

Remember to invite some new families to our open house tomorrow night. If the family that you refer to our school is enrolled for at least a semester, you will have a \$750 tuition assistance package coming your way! Besides the card you received last week, you can also pick up any number of brochures about our school to distribute to family and friends. There are several different ones that may meet your need specifically:

- Resource Room opportunities
- Part-time/Home School student information
- Two different general school information brochures
- Early Childhood Brochures
- Free 4-K package brochure
- Just hot off the press: Cabin Fever Reliever promotion brochure.

PRE-REGISTRATION AT O.C.S.

Pre-registration forms have been mailed to all current families of Oostburg Christian School. Please fill out the form and return it with your registration fee by March 1. All registration fees will be applied to your tuition in the 2010 – 2011 school year. Thank you.

We are also now accepting registrations for the 4K program here at O.C.S. Stop in for a registration packet and reserve your spot today! No pre-registration fee is required for 4K.

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YEARBOOK LUNCH

Jr. High Parents: Next week Monday, Feb 15, the yearbook committee will be having a hot dog lunch for the jr. high kids who would like one. Again, please send your child with \$1.00 per hot dog on Monday. We will collect in the morning and have it ready for them at lunch time. Just a reminder; this is only the hot dog not the rest of the lunch.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Oostburg Christian School is in need of a part-time janitor. Keith and Ingrid Brandt will be retiring as of March 1. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office. Keith is willing to train anyone who is interested in this position. We thank Keith and Ingrid (and their son, John) for their faithful service to Oostburg Christian School. Please be in prayer for the Brandt family as Keith is searching for a full-time job.

ARE YOU AN IDEA PERSON?

Do you like to think outside of the box? The Promotion Committee needs you! The Promotion Committee meets once each month to discuss ways to promote our school. If you feel led to help OCS in this area please call Dan Roerdink (Promotion Committee Chair – 564-3477), Joyce Eggebeen (Development Director – 564-2678), or Bob Adams (Administrator – 564-2664). Thank you.

TRI-SCHOOL STUDY TASK FORCE

As mentioned in the January 20, 2010 Blue Note, the boards of Oostburg Christian School, Sheboygan Christian School, and Sheboygan County Christian High School are taking part in a study investigating the possibility of forming an association of one school system. The study committee would look at whether combining would help each school financially, would aid the schools academically, would assist each school in being distinctly Christian, and yet would allow local control so each school could retain its distinct characteristics. Representing OCS are Mrs. Kris Hancock, Mrs. Helen Veldboom, and Mr. Ryan Gartman. Their first meeting (organizational in nature) was this past Thursday. Please pray for this committee as they seek God's will concerning the future of Christian education in Sheboygan County.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Next weekend, February 19 & 20, Oostburg Christian School and Sheboygan Christian School will be hosting the annual Wisconsin Christian School B-Ball Tournament. This tournament has been in existence for over forty years. Many parents of our current students played in this tournament when they attended Oostburg Christian. A schedule of games will be in next week's Blue Note. If you are a junior high parent, you will be receiving information concerning how you can help make this tournament possible.

EARLY RELEASE REMINDER

Next Wednesday, February 17, is the third Wednesday of the month. Students will be dismissed at 1:20 PM. Busses and van will be running at that time. There is no Afternoon Care beyond 1:20 PM.

MASKS OF SECRET IDENTITY

Masks have been used by many cultures for celebrations and religious ceremonies. Masks were used to hide a person's identity. The seventh grade class had fun making masks that creatively revealed an aspect of their identity. These masks are on display at the Oostburg Public Library. Stop in and see if you can pick out who belongs with each mask!

TESOROS DE DIOS SERVICE PROJECT

Our Unity Groups continue to collect funds to cover our commitment to "sponsor" children for one year at Tesoros de Dios in Nicaragua. This ministry provides developmentally disabled children and their families with the basic tools necessary for life-long growth. Please remind your children of this project.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Parents and guardians are reminded that students should have an emergency plan in case we dismiss early or if school is cancelled. With winter here the possibility of weather related closings is very real. Students will be allowed to make emergency phone calls and school will stay open until transportation arrives for all students. Parents and guardians are asked to notify the school office if someone other than themselves will be providing transportation for the children. Please listen to WHBL radio (1330 on your AM dial) for closing information due to weather. You can also go to www.whbl.com and click on "Cancellations" on the left side of the home page. Parents may also tune into channel 4 and 12 on their TV for closing information. Remember, if Oostburg Public Schools close due to inclement weather, so do we (bussing).

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Would your child like to run freely in a large gymnasium? Come join other moms or dads with their children next Thursday, Feb. 18 (and 3/4 & 4/15) from 8:30 – 10:00am at Oostburg Christian School. All are welcome, and it's FREE!!

Call 564-2664 with questions.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....

that the Scrip Store will be available tomorrow night at the Open House, beginning at 5:30 when the girls' basketball game starts and available until open house is over at 7:30. Bring your checkbooks!

THERE'S A SPECIAL IN FEBRUARY!

Just choose to add a date to the Interest Wheel at Oostburg Christian during the month of February, and your donation will be matched **twice!** (not just once as originally advertised!) This date you choose can be for any time of the year: special anniversary, birthday or memorial, but you must contact the school office (564-2664) during the month of February.

The GRACE Place

GOOD SEARCH

By using www.goodsearch.com as your default browser, you will have the ability to help the school with every search. Just name Oostburg Christian School as your favorite charity and we will receive one cent each time you search. You can also click in and find how much we are making on this project.

CHARGER SHOOT-OUT

A big thanks goes to our Charger Shoot-out Planning Committee under the leadership of Jeri Flipse. Please thank her as well as Lynn Walvoort and Laurel Meerdink for their work in the kitchen, to Beth and Paul Modahl, Gina Lemmenes, Shawn Buck, and Sandy VanEss.

Praise God with us for safe travel for all teams and fans, good basketball and great food and hard workers! We heard comments from coaches about our well-run tournament and organized event. We praise God that his name is glorified in all that we do including basketball. We will announce profit totals as soon as we have them—thanks for your help, your support, and your prayers!

Boston Store Community Day

The Grace Board is selling coupons books for Boston Stores Community Day. The book can be purchased for \$5. It includes a \$10 coupon, a 30% Early Bird savings coupon and additional coupons for 20% all-day savings, plus exclusive bonus offers. If you would like to take advantage of this great deal, the books will be available in the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BE IN PRAYER FOR:

Night of Praise – April 17, 2010

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Carl Zylstra, President of Dordt College will be our speaker at our annual Night of Praise to be held on April 17, 2010 in the Student Center at the school. Using the Hostess Supper format—a planned potluck—we invite you to join us for an evening celebrating Christian education. Emcee will be Terry Katsma and special music will be provided by Tricia Luedtke Morris. We will honor four different graduating classes (1985, 1960, 1950, and 1949) as well as announce our annual Friend of Christian Education award that evening as well as take an offering for our new telephone system. If you would like to attend, please call Julie Meyer at 564-3502 or Mary Lou DuMez at 564-2727. All reservations must be made by March 17, 2010.

Run-Jog-Walkathon – May 21, 2010

Unity Bike Ride and Spring Fry – May 22, 2010

Details on these great events will be coming shortly. You can already register for the bike ride by going to www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride, click on the bike logo, and pick up a new form. Tell your friends!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

OOSTBURG YOUTH BASEBALL

The registration forms for summer baseball/fastpitch are now available in the O.C.S. office for all students in grades 1-8. The registration and payment deadline is March 5.

OOSTBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROCKIN' FAMILY FAIR

Oostburg Elementary School invites you to their Rockin' Family Fair on Friday, Feb. 19, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Please join them for fun and games, great food, a photo booth, a cake walk, face painting, hair hut, raffle and silent auction, trading post and karaoke. Please call Jodi Daane at 564-3909 with any questions!

KOHL'S KIDS WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please visit www.kohlskids.com to nominate a deserving kid age 6 to 18. Scholarship nominations will be accepted Feb. 1 through March 15. Help Kohl's identify stand-up kids who are doing great work to benefit their community. More than 2100 nominees will be awarded with more than \$410,00 in scholarships and prizes.

UW SHEBOYGAN SUPER SATURDAY

This is a special event for students in grades 2-6. If you have ever wanted to try our College for Kids or Middle School University programs, now is your chance. The event is being held on Saturday, March 20, and students may choose two of four classes available. Registration forms are available in the O.C.S. office.

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

This clinic is sponsored by the Dykstra Engineering Women's Volleyball Team and will be held on Saturday, March 6. Please see the registration that was attached to last week's Home Bulletin.

CALENDAR

February 11	Open House 6:00 – 7:30 B-Ball Girls5/6 vs StD 5:30 Boys5/6 vs StJ 6:30
February 12	8 th Gr. Visiting Day @ SCCHS
February 15	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
February 16	B-Ball Girls7/8 vs SCS @ SCCHS 6:30 Boys7/8 vs SCS @ SCCHS 7:30
February 17	Pizza Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
February 18	B-Ball Girls5/6 vs CCA 5:30
February 19	Christian School B-Ball Tourny Here & @ SCCHS
February 20	Christian School B-Ball Tourny @ SCCHS